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embolus

- n. (pl. emboli )
- a blood clot, air bubble, piece of fatty deposit, or other object obstructing a blood vessel.

DERIVATIVES:

embolic adj.

ORIGIN: C17 (denoting the plunger of a syringe): from L., lit. 'piston', from Gk *embolos* 'peg, stopper'.

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